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Imminent Danger Pay proration

Service members now will receive imminent danger pay only for days they actually spend in hazardous areas. The change, which took effect 1 Feb 2012, was included in the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law Dec. 31.

The act called for the Department of Defense to pay service members imminent danger pay only for the time they spend in areas that qualify for the pay. In the past, service members received \$225 per

month if they spent any time that month in an area where the pay was authorized.

Proration is based on a 30-day month, which translates into a rate of \$7.50 per day. It does not matter if the month is 28 or 31 days long, officials explained; if service members serve in affected areas for the complete month, they will receive the full rate of \$225 per month.

The Defense Department defines imminent danger pay areas as places where members



are subject to the threat of physical harm or imminent danger because of civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions.

Controlled Spend Account (CSA)

The member's CSA credit limit (aka Spend Limit) is adjusted each time a TDY or PCS order is created and it is based on the estimated travel cost indicated in these documents. Spend limits are applied to the CSA within 48-72 hours after orders are updated in the accounting system. Cardholders will receive an e-mail each time an adjustment is made to their CSA; therefore, they must ensure their e-mail address and contact info is updated in the Citibank online system in order to receive their most accurate spend limit data.

A Temporary Spend Limit (TSL) is required when personnel are directed to travel on short notice, or have a change in mission while at the TDY location. The TSL will allow the traveler to begin a trip, extend a stay, or travel to another TDY

location. The cardholder can request a TSL up to \$5K. The unit APC must request a TSL for amounts exceeding \$5K. There is no limit to the amount of TSLs a traveler can request during official travel; however, a TSL will last for 5 business days and cannot be increased or decreased until a current TSL expires. The cardholder has 5 business days to process a travel order or amendment. After 5 business days, the TSL credit is decreased to zero and the member is liable for any expenses incurred on the card.

Cardholders and unit Approving Officials must ensure that the DTS travel voucher is marked as a 100% payment to the CSA card. Payment to the CSA offsets any official expenses placed on the card. Any balance owed on the card is the cardholder's responsibility and must



be paid by the next billing due date.

Any credit balance on the CSA card after a travel voucher is settled becomes the traveler's personal funds. These are referred to as a residual balance. The traveler has the following options in order to access their residual balance: call Citibank and request the residual balance is either transferred to their personal bank account or a check is sent in the amount of the residual balance; transfer the balance to a personnel account using the Citibank online system; or the residual balance will automatically be sent to the member via check after 61 days.